

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows:

Please add the following paragraph on a new page titled,

"Abstract of the Disclosure" after the claims.

A1
Disclosed is a unitary absorbent structure, including an upper fibrous layer having a liquid acquisition zone extending to one surface and a liquid distribution zone extending to the other surface. A lower fibrous liquid storage layer is in liquid communication with the distribution zone surface of the upper layer. The storage layer includes SAP particles. A containment layer surrounds the storage layer and extends to the outer edges of the structure, the containment layer contains the fibers and SAP particles of the storage layer against the distribution zone surface of the upper layer.

Please amend the following on page 5, line 18-20 to include reference to

reference number 16 on figures 1 and 2:

The seal 16 is provided at such locations which will form the lateral edges of the absorbent core during converting.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

Please cancel claim 4, without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims.

A2 Sub 31 1. (Amended) A unitary absorbent structure, comprising:
an upper fibrous layer having a liquid acquisition zone extending to one surface